

Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, Great Falls; Ann Denson Tucker, Muscogee Nation of Florida, Bruce; Ron Yob, Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Helen C. Rountree, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 3971, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3501, to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute;

H.R. 1943, to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons;

S. Res. 659, A resolution designating September 27, 2008, as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day; and

The nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, George W. Venables,

to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, A. Brian Albritton, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, C. Darnell Jones II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Mitchell S. Goldberg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Joel H. Slomsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Eric F. Melgren, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Anthony John Trenga, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, all of the Department of Justice.

Also, Committee approved the authorization for subpoenas relating to the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, Donetta Davidson, of Colorado, Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, and Gineen Bresso Beach, of New York, each to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Feinstein, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 7060–7109; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 429–433; and H. Res. 1499, 1504–1506, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1500, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 110–883);

H. Res. 1501, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7060) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring

provisions, and to provide individual income tax relief (H. Rept. 110–884);

Report of the Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–885);

H.R. 6339, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide additional leave for Federal employees to serve as poll workers, and to direct the Election Assistance Commission to make grants to States for poll worker recruitment and training, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–886, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 1502, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7060) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring

provisions, and to provide individual income tax relief (H. Rept. 110–887);

H. Res. 1503, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–888);

H.R. 1157, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–889); and

H.R. 6474, to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to carry out a series of demonstration projects to promote the use of innovative technologies in reducing energy consumption and promoting energy efficiency and cost savings in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 110–890). **Pages H9971–72**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9871**

Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 1491, to provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by voice vote. **Pages H9874–77**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened at 12:05 p.m. **Page H9886**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2008: H.R. 1157, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer; **Pages H9912–13**

Tom Lantos Pulmonary Hypertension Research and Education Act of 2008: H.R. 6568, amended, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to encourage research and carry out an educational campaign with respect to pulmonary hypertension; **Pages H9914–16**

Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act: S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9918–20**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month: H. Res. 1333, amended, to support the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month; **Pages H9922–23**

Health Centers Renewal Act of 2008: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1343, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9923–26**

Travel Promotion Act of 2008: H.R. 3232, amended, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote tourist, business, and scholarly travel to the United States; and **Pages H9929–34**

Calling Card Consumer Protection Act: H.R. 3402, amended, to require accurate and reasonable disclosure of the terms and conditions of prepaid telephone calling cards and services. **Pages H9935–38**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Improving Government Accountability Act: Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 928, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General and to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; **Pages H9877–82**

Senior Professional Performance Act of 2008: S. 1046, to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government; **Pages H9882–84**

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2008: H.R. 6045, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2012; **Pages H9884–86**

Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should grant a posthumous pardon to John Arthur “Jack” Johnson: H. Con. Res. 214, to express the sense of Congress that the President should grant a posthumous pardon to John Arthur “Jack” Johnson for the 1913 racially motivated conviction of Johnson, which diminished his athletic, cultural, and historic significance, and tarnished his reputation; **Pages H9886–87**

Effective Child Pornography Prosecution Act: Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4120, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography; **Pages H9887–89**

ALS Registry Act: S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry; and

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Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008: S. 2932, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

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Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 1490, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 638, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 637.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, September 23rd:

Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008: H.R. 4544, amended, to require the issuance of medals to recognize the dedication and valor of Native American code talkers;

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Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2008: H.R. 758, amended, to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 639;

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Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States commitment to preservation of religious and cultural sites and condemning instances where sites are desecrated: H. Con. Res. 255, amended, to express the sense of Congress regarding the United States commitment to preservation of religious and cultural sites and condemning instances where sites are desecrated, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with 1 voting “nay”, Roll No. 641;

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Organ Transplant Authorization Act of 2008: H.R. 6469, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize increased Federal funding for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network;

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Meth Free Families and Communities Act: H.R. 6901, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a drug-free workplace information clearinghouse, to support residential methamphetamine treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, and to improve the prevention and treatment of methamphetamine addiction;

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Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act: H.R. 1014, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 418 yeas to 4 noes, Roll No. 642; and

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Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act of 2008: H.R. 6950, to establish the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal for organ donors and the family of organ donors, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 643.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, September 24th:

First Lieutenant Noah Harris Ellijay Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 Industrial Boulevard in Ellijay, Georgia, as the “First Lieutenant Noah Harris Ellijay Post Office Building” and

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Solemnly commemorating the 25th anniversary of the tragic October 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and remembering those who lost their lives and those who were injured: H. Res. 1421, amended, to solemnly commemorate the 25th anniversary of the tragic October 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and to remember those who lost their lives and those who were injured, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 644.

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Making a technical correction in the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6946, to make a technical correction in the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008.

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Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Tuesday, September 23rd:

Recognizing the 10th anniversary of the terrorist bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the memorializing of the citizens and families of the United States, the Republic of Kenya, and the United Republic of Tanzania whose lives were lost and injured as a result of these attacks: H. Res. 1461, amended, to recognize the 10th anniversary of the terrorist bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the memorializing of the citizens and families of the United States, the Republic of Kenya, and the United Republic of Tanzania whose lives were lost and injured as a result of these attacks;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing the 10th anniversary of the terrorist bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens and families of the United States, the Republic of Kenya, and the United Republic of Tanzania whose lives were lost or suffered injury as a result of these attacks."

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Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month": H. Con. Res. 393, to support the goals and ideals of "National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month";

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Designating the month of March 2008 as "MRSA Awareness Month": H. Res. 988, amended, to designate the month of March 2008 as "MRSA Awareness Month"; and

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Family Self-Sufficiency Act: H.R. 3018, to provide for payment of an administrative fee to public housing agencies to cover the costs of administering family self-sufficiency programs in connection with the housing choice voucher program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:58.

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Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008—Rule for Consideration: The House began consideration of the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 7060, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, and to provide individual income tax relief. Further proceedings on the rule were postponed.

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Earlier, it was agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the proceedings on both ordering the previous question and on adoption of H. Res. 1501, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7060) to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, and to provide individual income tax relief. Subsequently, H. Res. 1501 was withdrawn.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9871, H9934–35, and H9961.

Senate Referrals: S. 2840 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 3550 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; S. 3560 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 1276 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. 3296 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9895, H9895–96, H9896, H9911–12, H9927, H9927–28, and H9928–29. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ADVANCES IN ANIMAL HEALTH WITHIN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review advances in animal health within the livestock industry. Testimony was heard from John Clifford, D.V.M., Deputy Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; Bernadette Dunham, D.V. M., Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

BUDGET REFORM PROPOSALS FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budget Reform Proposals for the 111th Congress. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAFEGUARDING RETIREE BENEFITS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Safeguarding Retiree Benefits. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTINUING SECURITY CONCERNS AT DOE'S NATIONAL LABS

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to Review of Continuing Security Concerns at DOE's National Labs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Glenn S.